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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The question at issue is about increase over the minimum price and not the minimum price."

SRI R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO :—" ఒక్క ఫ్యాక్టరీ తప్ప తక్కిన వన్నీ ఈ formula ను అమలుజరిపినవని మంత్రిగారు శలవిచ్చారు. అమలు జరపని ఫ్యాక్టరీ ఏదో మంత్రిగారు తెలియజేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is the Hospet Factory."

Grant of permission for bus routes.

*122 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there are any orders in force directing the Road Traffic Boards to give priority to individual Harijans or to societies formed by them in the matter of granting bus routes?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say whether there is any definite rule in the matter or whether route permits for buses are granted at the discretion of the Road Traffic Authorities? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Road Traffic Authority examines every application on its merits and grants permits subject to section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act and the rules in force."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" As Harijans and Backward Communities are economically backward, is it not proper to organize bus transport co-operative societies for them and grant route permits to such societies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Though Article 47 of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people and in particular of the Scheduled Castes, competent legal authorities have held that the grant or refusal of a stage carriage permit should be guided by the considerations set forth in section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act."

SRI A. VENKATARAMA RAJU :—" బస్ రూట్లకొరకు హరిజనులనుండి 8-50 a.m.
ఏవైనా అప్లికేషన్లు వచ్చినవా? ముందు దరఖాస్తులు వచ్చినవాటినన్లయితే
ప్రత్యేకంగా consider చేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There were many applications from Harijans and the only consideration that weighed with the Authority was whether that gentleman would give the public efficient and very good service."

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Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" Will the Government take steps to amend section 47 (1) (*a*) of the Motor Vehicles Act? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In what manner does the hon. Member want it to be amended, Sir? "

Pulses Research Scheme.

* 123 *Q.*—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to wind up the Pulses Research Scheme in our State; and

(*b*) if so, why?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Pulses research scheme లు మొత్తం రాష్ట్రం లో ఎన్ని centres లో ఉన్నాయండీ? "

The Hon. Dr. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is one at Coimbatore, another at Dharmapuri, and the third at Vizianagaram."

Export of chillies.

* 124 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many tons of chillies were allotted by the Madras Government to the India Government for export overseas or for being sent to other States for the 1952 calendar year;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Tamilnad Foreign Traders' Association that chillies of Madras State origin are being exported from Madras Ports as Bihar and Bengal chillies; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Quotas for export are fixed by the Government of India and not by the State Government. This Government agreed to the export of 2,000 tons of chillies from Madras State to places outside India in the calendar year 1952. As regards exports to other States within India, movements of chillies within the Union are unrestricted. No information is available in regard to the quantity exported from this State to the other States.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) The Government of India have been requested to indicate the steps they propose to take against such complaints, and their reply is awaited."